

post 12/23/67

Garrison Says FBI Knew Plot

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28 (UPI) — District Attorney Jim Garrison said today that the FBI put out a message in November 1963 warning that an attempt would be made on President Kennedy's life during the Dallas visit.

Garrison said the wire message to agents went as high up as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and specified the date of the assassination attempt as Nov. 22.

In spite of this, Garrison said, President Kennedy was allowed to ride in an open car during his Dallas visit. The District Attorney declined to elaborate on how he could confirm the FBI message.

[In Washington, spokesmen for both the FBI and the Department of Justice said they had no comment on Garrison's remarks.]

In a rambling news conference concerning his year-old investigation of the assassination, Garrison also said:

- That President Johnson "knows very well that Lee Oswald did not pull the trigger."

- That there is a danger

that secret lies about the assassination may be changed before they are released to the public.

- That "the indications are very strong that Oswald was informing the FBI that an assassination was contemplated."

- That Edgar Eugene Bradley of Los Angeles, charged by Garrison last week with conspiring to assassinate Mr. Kennedy, once started a Hoover-for-President movement in California.

- That "the Federal Government is protecting the assassins every day."

- That at least 15 persons participated in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy, including some members of the "extreme, extreme right wing."

- That Communists were not involved in the assassination.

"It just didn't happen that way," Garrison added.

The District Attorney appeared at the news conference to help publicize a Ramparts magazine story on the assassination written by former FBI Agent William Turner.

Garrison said he did not think the news conference violated the guidelines set by District Judge Edward Hagerty Jr. for participants in the Clay L. Shaw assassination conspiracy trial, now set for February.